

## Fun Quotes

*The corrections are infinite but small!* –R. P. Feynman

*In desperation I asked Fermi whether he was not impressed by the agreement between our calculated numbers and his measured numbers. He replied, “How many arbitrary parameters did you use for your calculations?” I thought for a moment about our cut-off procedures and said, “Four.” He said, “I remember my friend Johnny von Neumann used to say, with four parameters I can fit an elephant, and with five I can make him wiggle his trunk.”* –Freeman Dyson  
Not a very good elephant though—see next page: Fitting an elephant with (a) 30 and (b) 4 parameters (J. Mayer, K. Khairy, and J. Howard, Am. J. Phys. 78, 648 (2010)).

*I’ve been using **emacs** since before you were born!* –CG

*He loathed every form of society with his whole Bohemian soul.* –Watson, of Sherlock Holmes

*If matrices commuted, there would be no quantum mechanics, and we wouldn’t be here to ask if matrices commute.* –CG

## Sherlockisms

*What the deuce is it to me?* he interrupted impatiently: *you say that we go round the sun. If we went round the moon it would not make a pennyworth of difference to me or to my work.*

*There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact.*

*It is an old maxim of mine that when you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.*

*You have degraded what should have been a course of lectures into a series of tales.*

